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Response to Restriction Requirement

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2001 (paper number 7), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

In The Claims:

Please cancel claim 5 without disclaimer or prejudice to the underlying subject matter.
Please enter the following amended and new claims:

2. (Once Amended) A substantially purified nucleic acid molecule comprising a fragment nucleic acid having from about 50 to about 100 nucleotide residues; wherein said fragment nucleic acid exhibits complete complementarity to a second nucleic acid molecule having a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 1 through SEQ ID NO: 69652 and complements thereof.
3. (Once Amended) The substantially purified nucleic acid molecule according to claim 2, wherein said substantially purified nucleic acid molecule comprises a microsatellite sequence.